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I. A slave for 30 years, Elizabeth Keckley bought her freedom and later sewed for Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln the four years she spent in the White House as the wife of the Great Emancipator. The gown pictured at left is in the Ford Library, Hall of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. A copy by the same designer is in the collection of the Black Fashion Museum (BFM).

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Book Party

Lois K. Alexander author



Blacks in the History of Fashion



II. Designer Ann Lowe, who sewed for the crème de la crème of white society, created the wedding gown and all other bridal party attire when Jacqueline Bouvier married the U.S. Senator from Massachusetts John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who became the thirty-fifth President of the United States.

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III. The names of few black designers have been used by their bosses either in garments they designed for the firms or in ads for print media. An exception is young Harold Stone who worked during the seventies for Ann Fogarty.

will appear at

**Newark Public Library
Wednesday, April 13, 1983
6:30 p.m., 4th fl. Auditorium**

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. This program, part of the Lorraine Hansberry Lecture series is free and open to the public.

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